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## **Remarks/Arguments:**

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 5 has been appropriately amended.

Claims 1-3 and 14-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 2003/0007444 (Tsukuda et al.). Also, claims 6-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsukuda. Claim 4, however, was indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Accordingly, claims 2-4 have been incorporated into claim 1, and claims 2-4 have been cancelled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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